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Quoted below text of letter signed today by President which, along with its enclosure, is being dispetched to you through the SHAPE Linison Office.

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## Dear General Morstad:

Since receiving your letter of November 16 and its enclosure, "SACKER's Instructions to SHAFE Planners," I have had these instructions studied by State and Defense in relation to our basic position paper, "U.S. Policy on Military Actions in a Berlin Conflict." This study has resulted in comments which I have approved and now enclose for your guidence in planning and in future relations with your NATO colleagues.

Secretaries Bunk and McMemora will be in Peris next week and will went to talk over this metter with you. Please take full advantage of the presence of the Secretaries to give them the benefit of your views and to set forth any difficulties which you may enticipate in bringing our Allies to a full and sympathetic participation.

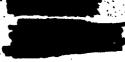
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Sincerely,

/s/ John T Kennedy

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Although General Morstad's letter of 16 November in general takes into account your letter of 20 October with its enclosure, there are certain eignificant respects in which it diverges. The following paragraphs therefore expand somethet o previous exidence concerning the nature and purpose of the several phones of the US preferred sequence of actions. These more detailed expressions of US policy should equip General Mersted to proceed with planning and with winning Allied support.

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In any case, the planning guidence General Morsted issues should serve both to stimulate the build-up of required forces and lead to the development of agreed Allied plans for the use of these forces in accordance with the sequence of military series set out in your letter of October 20.

/o/ Down Busk Secretary of State

/s/ Robert S. McHemera Secretary of Defense

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